BEFORE THE ARIZONA STATE BOARD OF RESPIRATORY CARE EXAMINERS

In the Matter of:)	CASE NO. C003836-18-002731
DALE SANDE, RCP Holder of License No. 002731)	CONSENT AGREEMENT AND NON-DISCIPLINARY ORDER
For the Practice of Respiratory Care In the State of Arizona)	

CONSENT AGREEMENT

RECITALS

In the interest of a prompt and judicious settlement of the above-captioned matter before the Arizona State Board of Respiratory Care Examiners ("Board"), and in the interest of protecting the people of the State of Arizona, consistent with the statutory requirements and responsibilities of the Board pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-3501, et seq. and A.R.S. § 41-1092.07 (F)(5), Dale Sande, RCP ("Respondent"), holder of license number 002731 to practice respiratory care in the State of Arizona, and the Board enter into the following Consent Agreement for Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Non-Disciplinary Order for Rehabilitative Probation ("Consent Agreement") as the final disposition of this matter.

- 1. Respondent has the right to consult with an attorney prior to entering into this Consent Agreement. Respondent has read and understands this Consent Agreement as set forth herein, and has had the opportunity to discuss this Consent Agreement with an attorney or has waived the opportunity. Respondent voluntarily enters into this Consent Agreement for the purpose of avoiding the expense and uncertainty of an administrative hearing.
- 2. Respondent understands that he has a right to a public administrative hearing concerning each and every allegation set forth in the above-captioned matter, at which time Respondent could present evidence and cross-examine witnesses. By entering into this Consent Agreement, Respondent freely and voluntarily relinquishes all rights to such an administrative hearing, as well as all rights of rehearing, review, reconsideration, appeal, judicial review, or

any other administrative, and/or judicial action concerning the matters set forth herein. Respondent affirmatively agrees that this Consent Agreement shall be irrevocable and any modifications to this original document are ineffective and void unless mutually approved by the parties in writing.

- 3. Respondent agrees that the Board may adopt this Consent Agreement or any part of this agreement under A.R.S. §§ 32-3552 and 32-3553. Respondent understands that the Board may consider this Consent Agreement or any part of it in any future disciplinary action against him.
- 4. Respondent understands that this Consent Agreement does not constitute a dismissal or resolution of other matters currently pending before the Board, *if any*, and does not constitute any waiver, express or implied, of the Board's statutory authority or jurisdiction regarding any other pending or future investigation, action, or proceeding.
- 5. All admissions Respondent makes in this Consent Agreement are made solely for the final disposition of case numbers C003836-18-002731, and any related administrative proceedings or civil litigation involving the Board and Respondent. Respondent further understands that acceptance of the Consent Agreement does not preclude any other agency, subdivision, or officer of this state from instituting other civil or criminal proceedings with respect to the conduct that is the subject of this Consent Agreement.
- 6. Respondent acknowledges that it is the Board's position that if this matter proceeded to formal hearing, the Board could likely establish sufficient evidence to support a conclusion that certain of Respondent's conduct constituted unprofessional conduct under A.R.S. § 32-3552 and A.A.C. R4-45-214. Therefore, Respondent has agreed to enter into this Consent Agreement as an economical and practical means of resolving the issues associated with the Board's investigation.
- 7. The Consent Agreement shall be subject to approval by the Board and shall be effective only when signed by the Executive Director and accepted by the Board. In the event that the Board does not approve this Consent Agreement, it is withdrawn and shall be of no

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evidentiary value and shall not be relied upon nor introduced in any action by any party. The parties agree that if the Board rejects this Consent Agreement and this case proceeds to hearing, Respondent shall assert no claim that the Board was prejudiced by its review and discussion of this document or any other records relating thereto.

- Respondent understands that this Consent Agreement is a public record that may be publicly disseminated as a formal action of the Board.
- Respondent understands that any violation of this Consent Agreement could be grounds for further disciplinary action by the Board pursuant to A.A.C. R4-45-214(3).

DATED: May 14, 2010 SIGNED

RCP Dale Sande, Respondent

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. The Arizona State Board of Respiratory Care Examiners is the duly constituted agency for licensing and regulating of the practice of respiratory care in the State of Arizona and has jurisdiction over Respondent as a licensee of the Board and the subject matter pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-3501, et seq.
- Dale Sande, RCP, is the holder of License Number 002731, which enables him to practice respiratory care in the State of Arizona.
- Respondent's license to practice respiratory care was originally issued in 1996
 and expires on October 12, 2018.
- 4. On November 14, 2017, Respondent self-reported that he had been arrested for four criminal counts, which were: Driving Under the Influence Liquor/Drugs/Vapor; DUI-Liquor with BAC .08 or more; Failure to stop on Peace Officer Command; and Reckless Driving.
- Respondent's history with the Board includes several prior arrests and convictions for DUI and drug related offenses dating back to his original application for licensure in 1993.

6. The Board discussed the case at its regular Board Meeting on March 15, 2018 and voted to offer Respondent a non-disciplinary Standard Rehabilitation Agreement as a final resolution to these specific allegations pending the outcome of the criminal case.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The conduct described in the Findings of Fact constitutes grounds for disciplinary action pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-3552(A)(3) and violates the provisions of A.R.S. § 32-3501(9)(b) which states, "Habitual intemperance in the use of alcohol."
- 2. The conduct described in the Findings of Fact constitutes grounds for disciplinary action pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-3552(A)(3) and violates the provisions of A.R.S. § 32-3501(9)(i) which states, "Any conduct or practice which is contrary to recognized standards of ethics of the respiratory therapy profession or any conduct or practice which does or might constitute a danger to the health, welfare or safety of the patient or the public."
- 3. The conduct described in the Findings of Fact constitute grounds for disciplinary action pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-3552(A)(3) and violate the provisions of A.R.S. § 32-3501(9)(k), which states, "Violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, or assisting in or abetting the violation of or conspiring to violate a provision of this chapter."
- 4. The conduct described in the Findings of Fact constitute grounds for disciplinary action pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-3552(A)(3) and violate the provisions of A.A.C. R4-45-214 (3) which states, "Endangering a patient's or the public's physical or emotional health or safety or engaging in conduct or practice that may be reasonably expected to do so."

ORDER

Based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT Dale Sande, RCP, holder of license number 002731, shall be placed on PROBATION for a period of three (3) years, subject to the following terms and conditions:

 Individual Counseling or Participation in AA/NA. Respondent shall enter into individual counseling. Respondent shall participate in individual counseling at least weekly, or as recommended by a substance abuse evaluator, whichever is more often. Upon entry, Respondent shall execute the appropriate release of information form allowing the program to provide records and inform the Board of Respondent's entry and progress. Respondent shall also request the program to submit to the Board, in writing, evidence of satisfactory participation and progress in counseling. Such reports are due on a quarterly basis from the date of entry into the program for the remainder of the probationary period. If Respondent declines or discontinues weekly counseling, Respondent must instead participate in Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, or an equivalent program. If Respondent participates in AA/NA, Respondent must participate in at least three (3) weekly meetings. The meetings must be on three (3) separate days per week. If circumstances require, Respondent may attend up to one (1) meeting per week on-line. Respondent shall submit to the Board, in writing, on Board approved forms, quarterly reports with the following information:

- a. Name of 12-Step Group
- Name or initials of another individual in attendance at each meeting
- c. Date and time of meeting
- d. Location and address of meeting place
- e. Name and phone number of organizing/administering person
- f. Name and phone number of sponsor
- 2. Mandatory and Random Drug Testing. Respondent shall comply immediately (within 2 hours) with telephonic, electronic, or in person requests from the Board, or its agents or designees, to submit to witnessed random biological fluid collection for mandatory and random drug testing. The Board may, at its discretion, request these tests weekly (not to exceed four requests per month) during the first six (6) months of this Order. These tests must be, at a minimum, a 10-Panel that includes

ethylglucaronide alcohol screening. And Respondent shall authorize any person or organization conducting tests on these collected samples to provide testing results to the Board. Failure to provide and/or update contact information for mandatory testing is a violation of this order. In addition, any occurrence of the following conditions constitutes noncompliance with this Consent Agreement: a positive drug test showing evidence of any drug other than an authorized drug; submission of a specimen where the integrity has been compromised, as indicated by the presence of adulterants; an abnormal result for low creatinine level; and submission of a urine sample that is below the acceptable volume or temperature to be tested. A positive drug test showing evidence of any drug other than an authorized drug may result in summary suspension of Respondent's license. Failure to submit to a drug test on a day when a test has been required by the Board, its agents or designees, or the laboratory may be considered a positive result and may also result in summary suspension of Respondent's license.

3. Abstain from Alcohol; Unauthorized Drug Use/Proof of Prescription.

Respondent shall not ingest or take any alcohol, or products containing alcohol.

Respondent shall not ingest or take any drugs or medications whatsoever (except for plain aspirin and/or plain acetaminophen), whether controlled substances, prescription-only drugs or over-the-counter preparations, unless such drug or medication was prescribed for him/her by his/her treating physician. Respondent must have a current prescription for any prescription-only drugs or over-the-counter preparations taken. Respondent shall provide a copy of all mood-altering or controlled substance prescriptions written for the Respondent within 72 hours after the prescription has been filled. Further Respondent shall provide the Board office with prescription information relating to dosage and frequency within 72 hours.

- 4. Employer Notification. Respondent shall inform current, and any future, employer(s) of this Order. Respondent shall immediately provide current employer(s) with a copy of this Order, and any future employer(s) with a copy of this Order at time of application. Respondent shall cause employer(s) to notify the Board, via email or facsimile, when the employer(s) receive a copy of this Order.
- 5. Quarterly Reports from Employer. Respondent shall cause employer(s) to file reports with the Board on work performance. These reports must be received by the 15th day of: March, June, September and December
- 6. Release of Information Forms. Respondent shall sign all release of information forms as required by the Board or its designee and return them to the Board within 10 days of the Board's written request. If Respondent fails to execute the releases, license holder may be subject to disciplinary action.
- 7. Quarterly Interviews with the Board or Its Designee. Respondent shall appear in person or if residing out of state, telephonically for interviews with the Board or its designee upon request and reasonable notice.
- 8. Change of Employment; Personal Address; Telephone Number; Email

 Address. Respondent shall notify the Board, in writing, immediately, via facsimile,
 email, or personal delivery of letter, of any change in employment, personal address,
 telephone number, or email address.

9. Notification of Extended Absences.

Respondent shall notify the Board, via facsimile or email, or any instance where he/she makes plans to be away from his/her place of employment or home for more than three (3) continuous days.

10. Obey all Laws. Respondent shall obey all federal, state and local laws, and all laws/rules governing the practice of respiratory care in this state. Offenses or

convictions such as driving under the influence may subject Respondent to further disciplinary action. Minor civil traffic violations are excluded.

- 11. <u>Costs.</u> Respondent shall bear all costs of complying with this Order.
- 12. Renewal of License. In the event the license is scheduled to expire during the duration of this Order, Respondent shall apply for renewal of the license and pay the applicable fee before the expiration date. Failure to renew within seven days of the effective date of this Order, if it is expired; or failure to renew a license by the scheduled expiration date; shall be considered as noncompliance and may be subject Respondent to further disciplinary action.
- 13. <u>Duration.</u> This Order shall remain effective for three (3) years from the effective date; and, after one (1) year, Respondent may apply to the Board to seek modification of the Probation upon showing satisfactory compliance with the Order during the period of probation
- 14. Violation of Probation. If Respondent is noncompliant with this Consent Agreement in any respect, the Board may revoke Probation and take further disciplinary action after affording Respondent notice and an opportunity to be heard. If a complaint concerning noncompliance with this Consent Agreement is filed against Respondent during the period of Probation, the Board shall have continuing jurisdiction until the matter is final and the period of Probation shall be extended until the matter is final.
- 15. **Voluntary Surrender of License.** Respondent may, at any time this Consent Agreement is in effect, voluntarily surrender her license with the understanding that the same will be treated and considered as a revocation of the license by the Board.

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DATED THIS	21	DAY OF	MAY	2018.

SEAL Jack Confer Executive Director Original Consent Agreement for Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law And Non-Disciplinary Order filed this 215 day of MAY 2018 with the: Arizona Board of Respiratory Examiners 1740 West Adams Street, Suite 3406 Phoenix, AZ 85007 Copy of the foregoing sent by electronic, regular and certified mail this 210 day of M14 2018 to: Dale Sande, RCP Address on Record